

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-29, 31, 36 and 37 are active in this application. Support for the amendment to Claim 29 is found on page 2 of the application. Support for Claim 36 is found in Claim 10 where Claim 36 is drawn to the elected subject matter of Claim 10. Support for Claim 37 is found on page 2 of the application. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 18-28 are allowable.

In light of the submission herein, Applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

The rejection of Claims 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is addressed by amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions on page 6 of the Office Action. In accordance with those suggestions, Claim 29 has been amended to provide the diseases described on page 2 of the application. Claim 30 has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

The rejection of Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is addressed by amendment.

The objection to Claim 10 is addressed by the cancellation of Claim 10 in favor of new Claim 36 directed to the elected subject matter.

Applicants request allowance of the application. Early notice of such allowance is also requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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